

the intellect and to every longing of the heart and to every sublime and sacred impulse of our being.

He taught no system of philosophy or religion. And yet He was both philosopher and religionist and in his life was the exemplification of both. He the incomparable Teacher and His the matchless glory of the simplicity both of the life and precept, such a one is Jesus Christ.

He inspired men with his life and doctrine. They found in Him an adequate excellence of life and super-abounding joy in that excellency. Knowing what an infinite gift he had imparted to them their souls burned within them to make this message known to others. So the Master's imperative, "Go ye into all the world and preach the good news," found a warmly responsive, "I go," in every Christ-filled heart.

During the first centuries the church of Jesus Christ was pre eminently a missionary church. It has been reserved, however, for the present century to carry in a fuller measure the glorious light of the Gospel of the blessed God to the benighted lands of earth. Let us think of the millions who yet are in darkness and in the despair of heathenism, and then of the very few who are laboring for them.

Let us remember, too, what Christ means to us. And what we would lose if we were to be deprived of what He has brought into our life. Let us remember our ability to give the unsearchable riches of Christ to the heathen millions.

The splendid response of the churches to the call for funds for the Washington work is but a foreshadowing of what we could do once every year upon a set time for foreign missions. Shall we not do so?

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Gems From Ruskin

"There is a working class—strong and happy—among both rich and poor; there is an idle class—weak, wicked and miserable—among both rich and poor. And the worst of the misunderstandings arising between the two orders come of the unlucky fact that the wise of one class habitually contemplate the foolish of the other.

"When men are rightfully occupied, their amusement grows out of their work as the color petals out of a fruitful flower."

"He only is advancing in life, whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace."

The Sunday School

LESSON 3—APRIL 15, 1900

The Daughter of Jairus Raised.—Mark 5: 22-24; 35-43

Golden Text—He is risen, as he said.—Matt. 28:6.

Lesson Thought.—Jesus is himself the resurrection and the life, and those who live in him, and he in them, shall live forever.

Time.—The second year of Christ's ministry, Autumn A. D. 28, about six months before the resurrection of Jesus.

Place.—Capernaum, at the house of Matthew, the apostle, and at the house of Jairus within or near the city.

Home Readings

In connection with the regular lesson read Matt. 28: 1-15, as an Easter lesson: also read during the week the whole of I Cor. 15; Acts 13: 30-34; I Thess. 4: 14-17; II Cor. 5: 1-4; John 5: 21-29; Phil. 3: 21.

Lesson Text

22 And there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he falleth at his feet,

23 And beseeching him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: I pray thee that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole, and live.

24 And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

35 While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 But Jesus not heeding the word spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow with him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue: and he beholdeth a tumult, and many weeping and wailing greatly.

39 And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult, and weep? the child is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goeth in where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand he saith unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise.

42 And straightway the damsel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed straightway with a great amazement.

43 And he charged them much that no man should know this: and he commanded that something be given her to eat.

Lesson Links

The lesson today is separated by a great many events which we shall omit from our study, from the lesson of last Sunday. In fact this lesson is placed out of its regular order of time in order to have it for an Easter lesson. It is a resurrection lesson, hence is suitable for Easter.

The Lesson Story

By reading the whole of Mark 5, you can best get the setting of this event.

Jesus had been on the east side of the Lake of Galilee teaching and healing. (See map.) There he had healed a man who had a devil. He had come back to the western shore of the lake. There as usual in these days of popularity Jesus was met by a man in the deepest need. This man, Jairus by name was one of the rulers of the Jewish synagogue. (What was the duty of a ruler of the syagog? See page 33 Brethren Quarterly, *Jairus*.) And seeing Jesus, as the latter stepped from the boat, the ruler went to him and fell at Christ's feet.

True Prayer

In the case of this man we have an example of one who prayed fervently and effectively. Here was a man who prayed because he felt a *need*. His little daughter,—and oh! how he loved her!—was lying at the point of death. To all appearances she was about to be taken from him. And the thought wrung his heart with grief. No one can pray unless he feels a *need*. Teacher, do you feel the *need* of help from heaven to help you teach effectively? If you feel your need as keenly as this man felt his, you have the first condition fulfilled of effective prayer. Unsaved one, do you feel your *need* of salvation from the curse of sin, selfishness and carelessness? Christian, do you feel your *need* of help to save your child, your brother, your sister, your parent or your neighbor from sin and its consequences? In fact, sin is a far worse curse than death. Yet, at sin's ravages we are unconcerned, while we tremble with grief at the terrors of death. Hear the man's prayer. With his hands clasping the feet of Jesus, his knees bent in supplication, his face upturned to the Master's, his features trembling with the agony of fierce desire, his eyes pleading with all the passionate earnestness of true love and every lineament eloquent with the speech of the soul's determined wish, he cried, "My little daughter is at the point of death; I pray thee that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole and live." Who could resist such a prayer as that? Certainly, not the Savior and Healer of men. Jesus went with him.

In that prayer were, 1, sense of need; 2, sense of the Savior's power; 3, reverence; 4, humble petition couched in simplest language. Such a prayer is always answered.

The Multitude

Again we see the omnipresent multitude thronging about Jesus. As they proceed towards the home of Jairus, the crowd following, a poor sick woman touches Christ with the finger of faith and is healed.

Hope Deferred

As they were proceeding, men were seen running towards them from the opposite direction. When they came up they said, "Your daughter is dead; why do you trouble the Master any further?" This, to all appearances, was the death blow to all Jairus' hopes. He had prayed and Jesus had started with him seemingly encouraging him in the hope that his daughter would be healed. And now she was dead. Surely, this was a trial of faith! So we often have the answer to our prayers deferred and also have it come in ways undreamed of. In all such times let us remember Christ's words to this man.

Faith Encouraged

Jesus, without waiting for the break down of Jairus' hope and faith, "not heeding the word spoken saith unto the ruler of the syagog, Fear not, only believe." What blessed words!

Have you prayed for the power to conquer